

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview summary filed 9/5/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17, 18-20 and 21 (renumbered claims 1-17, 19-21 and 18, respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevan Morgan on 9/5/06.

The application has been amended as follows: Claim 12

A method for providing a central database with electronic images of physical texts and enabling access thereto by multiple users, comprising:

- (a) acquiring images of pages of physical texts in which identifying information is associated with the images to identify the physical texts from which the images are acquired;
 - (b) storing the page images and the associated identifying information in the central database;
 - (c) receiving information indicating a user's ownership of a particular physical text;
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(d) based on the information received indicating the user's ownership of the particular physical text, enabling ~~[[a]] the user who owns the particular physical text~~ to access page images of the physical text, or portions thereof, in the central database, which otherwise are not accessible to users who do not own the physical text.

2. Cancel claims 22-28.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-17, 18-20 and 21 (renumbered claims 1-17, 19-21 and 18) are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance for independent claims 1, 12 and 18:

Regarding claims 1 and 18, the prior art fails to teach access to electronic image based on ownership of physical text. Wherein the defined amount of content for users who own the physical text is greater than an amount of content that may otherwise is provided to users who do not own the physical text. These features in combination with other features are not taught in the prior art. Claims 2-11 and 19-20 depend on claims 1 and 18 respectively. Therefore are also allowable.

Regarding claim 12, prior art fails to teach based on the information received indicating the user's ownership of the particular physical text, enabling the user to access page images of the physical text, or portions thereof, in the central database, which otherwise are not accessible to users who do not own the physical text. These

features in combination with other features are not taught in the prior art. Claims 13-17 and 21 depend on claim 12. Therefore are also allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory M. Desire whose telephone number is (571) 272-7449. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-3:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Bella can be reached on (571) 272-7778. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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